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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Congressman, 7th District,
VERNON J. ROSE,
Harvey County.

For Judge, 5th District,
THOS. W. MOSELEY,
Stafford County.

COUNTY TICKET.
For Representative,
HENRY LANGFELD.

For County Attorney,
JAMES W. CLARKE.

For County Clerk,
FRED M. LUTSCHG.

For Probate Judge,
W. F. FEDER.

For County Superintendent,
CLARENCE R. ALDRICH.

For Clerk of the Court,
W. B. LUCAS.

For County Treasurer,
J. W. SODERSTROM.

For Sheriff,
W. F. KLEIN.

For Register of Deeds,
JOHN W. MCCAULEY.

For Coroner,
DR. G. L. KOCH.

For County Printer,
D. T. ARMSTRONG.

For County Surveyor,
BERNARD MARKEY.

A PROPHECY OF KANSAS.

Kansas is the land of sunshine and golden prospects. Her prairies are carpeted with 1,500 species of native plants, any one of which is worthy to form a part of a landscape or flower garden. Her native grasses, trees, sunflowers, golden-rods, and asters rejoice under her sunny skies, and borrow their colors from the flood of light which old Sol pours forth as a free gift to nature, and to man. Wheat, corn, and alfalfa fields garner up the sunbeams and insure sustenance to millions of fattening kine and provide the material welfare for the most intelligent rural population on the globe.

Kansas is the center of the continent. She is capable of affording happy and comfortable homes to a greater population than is now inhabiting the Republic of France. She has the resources within herself to produce bread and meat in sufficient quantity to feed the whole present population of the United States. Enough fertile soil might be taken from Kansas prairies, without her farmers missing it, to cover the state of New York with a black, rich soil one foot in depth. She presents greater inducements for the exercise of intellect and ingenuity on the part of the agriculturist than any other territory of like dimensions on the face of the earth.

I have claimed my residence at various times of my life in 7 different states in periods of time varying from four months to twenty years.

I have traveled more or less in 14 other states, and have also had the privilege of traveling in 89 Kansas counties. I would rather make my permanent home in any one of these 89 counties than in any of the 20 states, outside of Kansas, in which I have had my residence or traveled. Others may sing of the Lone Star State, of the Empire State, of Rock-bound New England, or the land of oranges and raisins, but give me Kansas with all her drouths and hot winds. I regard the drouths and hot winds as potentially the greatest blessings which Kansas has to bestow upon future inhabitants. If she had the fogs and lowering skies that prevail in New England, she

would be almost uninhabitable. Her rich soil would become a breeding place of disease, and her highways and fields would become impassable bogs and morasses. Heat is energy, and it is not a long stretch of imagination to see the farmers of the future utilizing the superabundance of heat carried across the prairies during the summer months, as a source of power with which to harvest their wheat crops and plow their fertile fields. Imagine an electric apparatus, consisting of a network of wires stretched along the south and west sides of the farm, having the ability to transform the heat of the passing breeze, above 75 degrees F., into electrical energy. Such an apparatus would be able to deliver balmy fresh air of the best possible temperature to the growing crops and to furnish all the necessary power to drive the machinery of the farm. The imputation of hot winds and drouths to Kansas is no disgrace to her in my estimation.

Her patriotic sons will one day breed and introduce varieties of plants that will flourish like the green bay tree with only 15 inches of rainfall. Forests of conifers will be planted on her western sand-hills, and every farm will have its forest wind-break. Her future horticulturists will breed varieties of fruits that will steal their colors from the sunbeams, and flourish on the broad prairies even to the Colorado line. Improved breeds of bees will garner the fluid sweets from millions of acres of pedigreed alfalfa. The sugar beet, already of royal blood, reveling in an alkaline soil, will extract crystalline sweetness from millions of acres of western Kansas lands now believed to be almost worthless.

The builders of the greater Kansas that is to be will not be content to confine their activities to the superficial cultivation of the soil. They will exploit her inexhaustible underflow of the purest water man ever drank. Her mineral resources will be developed, and she will furnish building stone for the rearing of hundreds of beautiful cities. Her gypsum beds will be converted into fertilizers with which to enrich the wornout fields of the East. Reservoirs will be provided for storing the excess of rainfall that now runs to waste and erodes the undulated prairie. Rivers will be brought under the control of man and all available supplies of moisture will be directed towards the service of the people in their various industries.

The future Kansas will not devote all her energies to the work of satisfying the physical wants of man. She will produce intellectual giants peculiarly fitted to deal with the great problems of her development. Schools, churches, and literary institutions will reach and influence the moral, mental, and physical development of the whole population.

Her people will remain largely agricultural in their pursuits. The welfare of the farmer will always mean the welfare of Kansas. Her wisest statesmen will never ignore these facts. In her happy future growth let us hope that she will be blessed with Coburn's and Cottrells by the million instead of by twos as is the case today.—H. in Farmers' Advocate.

The middle of the road prohibitionists met at Hutchinson last week and put a full state ticket in the field. The honest prohibitionists will support it. The others will support the republican ticket principally.

DODGED THE QUESTION.

On the question of prohibition or resubmission the republican state convention was too cowardly to take a position in its platform. Having forced the prohibitory liquor law upon the people years ago, and from time to time enacting amendments or strengthening acts, that party had not the manhood to stand by its own work and say it was good. There is no question but that in their hearts most of the delegates to that convention acknowledge that their pet law has proven a farce and a by-word; but they had not the moral courage, the sense of justice or manhood to insert in their platform a plank which would say they favored resting the question of whether the law should be enforced or repealed with the voters of Kansas. They remained perfectly silent on the subject, in order that their speakers and party workers could talk either way—according to the people they were talking with.

But the democratic state convention was different. Thank the Lord they do not go before the people as two-faced hypocrites. Here is what the democratic platform says on the question:

"We believe in the principles of the initiative and referendum in a republican form of government, as applied to all public questions, and trusting in the wisdom and patriotism of the voters of the state of Kansas, and knowing that a large number of the voters of the state wish the opportunity of expressing their sentiments at the ballot box on what is known as the prohibitory liquor law, we, therefore, are in favor of submitting the question to the voters of the state at such time as will insure a full vote, and thereby settle the mooted question beyond cavil."

The democrats of Kansas have for years made an effort to have the prohibitory liquor law submitted to a vote of the people. We are willing at all times to trust to a vote of the people on that or any other question that effects the whole people. If a majority of the people voted for retaining the law on the statute books it could then be made more effective. But if a majority of the people think the law is an injury, an injustice to individuals and to the state, then most certainly it should be repealed.

But the republicans of Kansas—using the law as they do to coerce the whiskey men and wheedle the temperance people—are supinely silent on a question that is one of the liveliest issues in the campaign.

The Democrats and Populists of the Seventh district are to be congratulated upon their choice of a candidate for congress. Hon. Vernon J. Rose has exceptional ability as a public speaker, is an advanced thinker and a young man of great personal worth. He is well able to take care of himself in the campaign, and if elected will represent the district with credit to himself and constituents. Rose belongs to that class of Democrats of whom Mayors Tom Johnson, Carter Harrison and James A. Reed are noted examples—Democrats who think and who do things. The Republic earnestly hopes to be able to congratulate Mr. Rose on November 5th.—Ottawa Republic.

The nomination of W. H. Craddock, of Wyandotte county, for Governor by the Democrats at Wichita is an exceedingly strong one. Mr. Craddock is the present mayor of Kansas City, Kansas. He has made a splendid record as mayor, reducing taxation, increasing improve-

ments and giving the city the best municipal administration it has ever had. Mayor Craddock is not only a clear headed business man of ability, but he is a clean, honorable man personally. The greatest misfortune that Mayor Craddock labors under is that he is a Democrat.—Topeka Herald (Rep.).

Stolen Wisdom.

Charity covers many sins, but the plug hat covers more fools. It takes a level head to withstand the shock of sudden prosperity.

Old maid's teeth are like verbs, regular, irregular and defective. Cobwebs are unknown in this paper.

The handsomest wife does not always make the happiest home. If you want to live happy keep out of debt and out of jail.

Some men spoil a great deal of wind blowing about themselves. The outcome of many a marriage depends greatly upon the income.

A large mouth is not so bad if the tongue does not get loose in it.

The worst thing about the credit system is that the bills become due.

The ambitious young man, who is not ashamed to confess ignorance, will reach the pinnacle of wisdom some day.

CHARLIE LULING, of Wichita, the republican candidate for state insurance commissioner, was selected by all the corporate insurance companies doing business in Kansas, and will be backed by them with any amount of money. His opponent should be Webb McNall, whom the people would back with their votes—regardless of how much slush fund the big insurance companies put in the republican campaign. Luling is simply a tool for the corporations and even the republicans make no bones about admitting it.

THE Kansas State Temperance Union is a republican machine, plain and simple. Rev. Emerson was high up in the Union until last week, when he was nominated for governor by the prohibitionists. Then he was fired from the State Temperance republican side-issue; his running for governor against Bailey is the unpardonable sin.

To be consistent every Topeka republican should support Rev. Emerson, of that city, for Governor. They have made so many prohibition roars since the democrat mayor has been in power, that in all decency they should support the prohibition candidate—their own townsman—for governor. But they won't.

You fellows need not worry over the Macksville newspaper fight. Miss Doran was there first, and we believe she'll be there last. Anyway, it is a scrap that interests Macksville only.

THE Tribune hints that the price of Rice county's hogging the republican judicial nomination was C. A. Swartz of Barton for committeeman.

Profit and Loss.

The New York Evening Post publishes our account with the Philippines as follows:

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| Dr. | |
| To one archipelago, \$20,000,000 | |
| To benevolently assimilating the same, 730 days at \$750,000 a day, 547,000,000 | |
| To expenses able negotiators Paris treaty | 222,000 |
| To two islands which able negotiators thought they had bought | 100,000 |
| Cr. | |
| By two years' exports to Philippines, say \$3,200,000, profit on which at 12 per cent. | 384,000 |
| Loss | \$566,938,000 |

LOCAL AND PERSONAL COMMENT.

Harvest in two weeks or less. The Daily Item boys "bit" on the "bottle story."

Cultivators and Listers, at the Great Bend Imp. Co.

Merchant Brack was down from Olmitz last Friday.

Mrs. Starkey Johnson is visiting the old home in Ohio.

Milk shake and other summer drinks at Chas. Rathbun's.

Wet weather has ruined much alfalfa hay in this county.

Harry Weiss is on a hunting and fishing trip up in Utah.

Mrs. Will Brouse visited her parents, near Heizer, last week.

Ernest Fryberger is a new clerk at the Crescent Grocery Co.

Dr. John Robinson, the dentist, has gone to Colorado to locate.

W. E. Hayes has just finished a large new barn, at his third ward home.

For first class tinwork or plumbing call at the Great Bend Implement Co.

The discontinuance of the Dundee postoffice takes place tomorrow, the 14th.

Prof. D. D. Riley, of the Leoti Standard, was in town a few days last week.

Don Weltmer and Floyd Lafferty made a short trip to Oklahoma last week.

FOR RENT—A good, 4 room cottage, near west school building. See A. L. Miller.

Miss Sadie Griffith visited last week at Holington the guest of Mrs. Jessie Almon.

Mrs. Beeler of Kinsley, was down last week on a visit to her father, Dr. Pearson.

Mrs. C. B. Morgan last week visited with her daughter, Mrs. Will Legg, at Cleo. Ok.

The Valerius drug store at Ellinwood has been sold to a gentleman from Iowa.

Mrs. Chas. Lechesky, of Sterling has been up on a visit to home folks the past week.

D. Hall, of Cladin, is now traveling representative of a large creamery establishment.

Sidewalk work is stopped until the water goes down in the river so that sand can be procured.

Remember the lecture by Byron W. King, at the Congregational church next Wednesday evening.

Dr. G. N. Raffington arrived in the city last week, to locate with his brother in business here.

Standard Gasoline S'oves, new process, the best on earth, at the Great Bend Implement Co.

Wilson, at the 4 11 44, makes a specialty of regular meals, and serves all the delicacies of the season.

J. W. Hollenbeak and wife, of Cimarron, came down on a visit to Great Bend relatives last week.

Fishing parties are numerous of late, and there is a goodly demand for hot weather bait and chigger poison.

Twenty weddings in less than ten months at Odlin. That's the kind of a neighborhood that is going to grow.

Plenty of rain now for the wheat, but the corn will need some during the latter part of June and in July.

Miss Lundy Coburn, of Albion, has gone to Boston to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Dawson.

We can save you money on barbwire. Call and see.

GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

A daughter of C. H. Christianson of Ellinwood, took first prize in the C. N. C. oratorical contest last week.

FOR SALE—A good walnut bedstead, a 2 hole Gypsite stove, and an office desk or table. Call at Democrat office.

"Bum" Hatch, a speckled cook from Hutchinson, was given a flea and a hike out of town by Police Judge Page, last week.

Our people can talk with Larned people now, over the telephone. Now, consarn you, Larned! Be good, or we'll sass you.

You want a piano? Watch for our announcements on Pianos. We will be able to save you money.

HOOPER DRUG CO.

The parish house at Dubuque, a neat and commodious residence for the pastor, with all modern improvements, is now completed.

A number of the neighbors gathered at the home of Clay Lucas, in Buffalo township, Saturday evening, the 7th, and enjoyed a pleasant time.

It is said that some "peculiar" letters have found their way out of the Ellinwood postoffice. How is it, Bro. Cooke?

Harry's cut against the "ker-what?" comes about a week late. All prices the lowest, as usual, at the Central Market.

Restaurant business and Bakery in Ellinwood for sale. Will invoice about \$1200. Apply to E. L. Smith, Ellinwood, Kans.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, of Kinsley, on June 1st. Mrs. Wells is a daughter of G. A. Woodburn.

A man up at Cladin is furnishing all material and laying brick sidewalks for 7 1/2 cents a square foot. A pointer to our home people.

A. H. Baker was over from Holington, Saturday last. He thinks Barton's wheat crop is going to be quite a factor after all.

D. G. Bird's children, up in Clarence township, are just getting over a round-up with the measles, which went the rounds of the whole flock of Birds.

Of course you'll want a Piano this fall. We can sell you the best made, and at prices that will save you money. Come and see us.

HOOPER DRUG CO.

The man Horine, charged with forging the name of a Great Bend school teacher to a note, was on Saturday sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

The 13th District Convention of the Christian Endeavor has been changed from June 10th and 11th, to July 22d and 23d, 1902.

REV. A. JAS. ELLIS.

If you are thinking of putting in a furnace or hot water plant, let us figure with you. We have a man who thoroughly understands this kind of work.

GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

A flood of patent right men has been sweeping over this county the past week. Any newfangled contrivance almost makes a favorable impression; but they are all good things—to let alone.

The Great Bend Ice Co. has a regularly accoutered ice wagon on the delivery route now. The plant is running at its full capacity, and has a demand for all the pure crystal ice it can turn out.

"What Fools ye Mortals Be," is the subject of a humorous lecture to be given as the Congregational church next Wednesday, the 18th, by that famed fun-maker, Byron W. King. Admission 35 cents.

We have secured the services of Geo. Ferris, of St. Louis, expert tinner, plumber and heating man. When you need anything in these lines call and see us.

GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

C. G. Lorimer returned last week from up near Bucklin, Kansas, where he and his brother, F. S. have upwards of 300 head of cattle on the ranch. He says grass is splendid, and all crops there are doing fine.

We will handle the Baldwin, and Story & Clark Pianos, together with our complete line of all other musical instruments. It will pay you to see us before purchasing.

HOOPER DRUG CO.

Chas. Rathbun will move his candy store to the room recently vacated by the meat shop, west of Trollet's. Mr. Rathbun's business has been increasing to such an extent that he must have more room and more help.

The ladies' clubs of Great Bend were entertained by the clubs of Ellinwood last week, at the home of Mrs. Fred Wolfe. Needless to say the ladies had the time of their lives. Refreshments were served.—Sterling Journal.

Harriet will soon be here. If you are wanting a McCormick Header or Binder, better order now. We are still doing business at the old place, and you can find here anything you want in Farm Machinery, Vehicles, etc.

F. H. MILLER.

J. W. Houldsworth, a prominent merchant of Sterling, mysteriously disappeared last week. His books and business affairs seem to be in good shape, and the people of that town are at a loss to account for his strange disappearance.

The writer took a drive a few miles in the country, Sunday, to get the fresh air and size up the wheat situation. It is our private opinion, publicly expressed, that Barton county will need some outside help to enable the farmers to harvest their grain; not as many men probably as last year; but at least a thousand men for the county.